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Hongkong, May 4, 1878.

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WEDNESDAY,

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The whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising: Damask Covered Chairs and Couches, Pictures, Mirrors, Side Tables, Centre Tables, Clocks, Carpets, Glass Ware, Electroplated Ware, Wardrobes, Marble-top Washstand and Service, Toilet Mirrors, Toilet Tables.

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Yokohama, April 20, 1878.

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Intimations.

CHINA FAMINE RELIEF FUND.

THE AMOUNT COLLECTED to Date aggregates \$12,250.89. Gentlemen desirous of Contributing are requested to forward their Subscriptions to T. JACKSON, Honorary Treasurer, at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK.

Hongkong, April 5, 1878.

LOST.

A BLACK and TAN TERRIER with One Eye. Answers to the name of "GUNNER." Any one finding the same and sending it to the WEST POINT FOUNDRY will be REWARDED if necessary.

Hongkong, May 11, 1878.

HIS IMPERIAL RUSSIAN MAJESTY'S CONSULATE, HONGKONG.

NOTICE.

THE Shipping is hereby notified that Torpedoes have been placed at the entrance of the port of Wladivostok (in the Littoral province of Eastern Siberia), and that Vessels, previous to entering said port must apply on board the Guardship, which is stationed outside, for an officer, who will pilot them through the dangers.

WM. REINERS, Consul.

Hongkong, May 8, 1878.

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NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

SHANGHAI, April 20th, 1878.

NEW SHARE CERTIFICATES, in exchange for the Existing Ones, will be issued to Shareholders of record on the 15th May next.

It is requested that Shareholders will send in their Present Certificates as soon as possible after that date, and that those who have not yet signed the Deed of Settlement will do so without delay.

By Order of the Directors,

RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

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Entertainment.

TEMPERANCE HALL.

SECOND ANNIVERSARY.

Under the distinguished Patronage of H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

CONCERT

In aid of the Funds of the Hall.

THIS EVENING,

the 13th May, 1878—at 9 p.m.

PROGRAMME:

1. Duet, Piano and Violin—Zampa.

2. Song—"Happy be thy dreams."

3. Part Song—"The Men of Harlech."

4. Cornet Solo—"From Faust."

5. Recitation—"Mary, Queen of Scots."

6. Duet, Violin and Piano, From "Orpheus aux Enfers."

7. Negro Song—"Nuffin hurts me."

8. Solo on Cornet.

9. Song—"The Scout."

10. Part Song—"Rule Britannia."

11. Song—"The Water Party."

12. Clarinet Solo.

13. Song—"The Bachelors Young Man."

TICKETS.—Price \$1, may be had at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and at the Door this Evening.

Hongkong, May 13, 1878.

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Shipping.

STEAMERS.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.

The Steamship "KWANGTUNG," Capt. PUGHARD, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 15th Inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, May 11, 1878.

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MONTHLY SERVICE.

At the Marine Court to-day, Frederick Peterson, cook, belonging to the British steamer *Albatross*, was charged with being drunk and assaulting Laurence Siverton, a seaman on board the same vessel. The complainant's head was cut as though by a knife, but the cook swore positively that no knife had been used, and none was found in his berth or on his person. The chief officer (Mr. J. Millard) said that the complainant's head was bleeding freely. The trouble arose all about a chest of which the defendant had the key. Dr. Ayres certified that the wounds (three in number) were not dangerous, and the Magistrate fined the defendant 30 shillings.

Wai Kwong, one of the wealthiest of the compradore class in this Colony, died on Saturday evening last. Mr. Kwong, who had been employed by the Chartered Mercantile Bank for about twenty years, had been ill for little more than a week with fever; but notwithstanding foreign medical skill, he succumbed to its effects. Shortly before the sad event, the patient was visited by H. E. the Governor, accompanied by several residents. Deceased, who was a leading member of the native community, was generally regarded as a man of great integrity and sound common sense. He took an unusually strong interest in the maintenance and progress of the Government Central School, and was forward in every movement for the good of his countrymen generally. The funeral rites will be delayed until the arrival of the sons of deceased, one of whom has been recalled from Foochow and the other from Shanghai.

The Portuguese Amateurs gave a very successful performance at the Lusitano Theatre on Saturday night last (11th) in aid of the poor of Macao. There was a crowded house, the principal seats being occupied by ladies in the front and by the Portuguese ladies in the first balcony. Among those present were also numerous members of the two nations. The drama, *Amor e Maternidade* (Arthur, or the Maternal Love) was the attractive piece selected; and in this the parts of Maria (Mrs. Alves) and Lord Melville (Mr. Yvanovich) were thoroughly well represented. The second piece also created much amusement. At the conclusion of the first piece a chorus—composed of Miss Aguilera, Mrs. Guedes, Messrs. Alves, Yvanovich and Barretto—sang a selection from *Lucea Borgia*, which was much appreciated. The appearance of Miss Aguilera on the stage, after the conclusion of the second piece, to sing a solo from *Lucea Borgia*, took the house by surprise, and upon an encore being called she sang another pleasant melody. This lady sang in a style which would have done honour to a professional company. With the powerful voice which she possesses, and a little more perseverance and culture, she might place herself in the first rank among amateur singers. The whole affair terminated about 11 a.m., amid great applause and the satisfaction of all concerned. This mode of aiding the starving poor is one which appears to meet with general approval, and we are glad to note that the Portuguese ladies have so successfully followed the lead taken in such matters by the other foreign ladies of the community.

We regret to have to record the death of the Right Reverend Bishop Verolles, one of the oldest, if not the oldest missionary in China. He has been labouring in this mission field for more than forty years. The sixtieth anniversary of his ordination falls in this month. He was preparing when death came upon him to celebrate the Jubilee of his priesthood. When Louis Philippe was King of France, and, politically, what a far distant period that is, Monsignor Verolles was then Vicar Apostolic of Manchuria. The King offered him an Archbishopric if he would remain in France, but the devoted Missioner refused, preferring his dear converts in their poverty and humility, and his lowly church in the desert, to the splendour of a French Archbishopric. Again when he was in Europe in attendance on the Pope, his friends, and his Holiness the late Pope, urged him, in consideration of his great age, to remain at home and take the repose he so well earned. He declined, wishing to die among his spiritual children of Manchuria, and in 1876 he returned to them from his last visit to his native land, bringing with him the first Sisters of Charity who were to bless the Vicariate with their presence. The French mail, that arrived here on Saturday brought us the sad news of His Lordship's death. —*Hongkong Catholic Register*.

HONGKONG HUMANITY SOCIETY.
The Annual Meeting of the Humane Society was held to-day at the City Hall. There were present: Messrs P. Ryrie, W. Wilson, J. Emanuel, J. Sampson, Arthur, Vale, Mallory, Barff, G. C. Cox, and J. Mackay.

Mr. Ryrie was elected Chairman. Mr. Barff read the minutes of the last meeting, and Mr. Ryrie proposed they be adopted and signed, and then read the report, which was as follows:—

REPORT.
Since the last general meeting of the 14th May 1877 the year has happily passed without any typhoon, the only real test of the utility of the Society.
As stated by our Chairman at the last meeting, the Committee arranged for Head Quarters, and the late Mr. Hart agreed to let the ground floor of his house in Duddell Street at the rate of \$15 a month; he spent about \$40 in fitting up shelves, widening the doorway, &c. &c., and a couple were engaged to keep the things in order.
There have been seven positions with the apparatus; the first three took place at Head Quarters, where the members were instructed in the duties of a gunner's mate of H.M.S. *Harriet*. The rest were conducted at the Frigate, the last being at night.

Business during the year was transacted by several Committee meetings.
Mr. Jackson of Manila forwarded us models of Life Boats for approval, but as the funds would not bear the cost of one, and besides it was considered doubtful as to whether a Life Boat would be of much service, the models were returned.
The meeting will have to elect officers for the year.

The number of Members is 37; during the year 8 resigned, 2 went home, and 7 joined, which reduces the number from 47, as stated at our last meeting, to 37. It is hoped that now the Typhoon season is at hand, others may be induced to join.

The balance remaining in the hands of

The Chairman then said he thought it was satisfactory from one point of view that there had been no typhoons here for the last three years, but he thought that Englishmen as a rule always started up on the occasion of a great crisis, and that in the absence of a great catastrophe their efforts flagged.

He said he thought it would be a great pity to let this Society die out without an effort. They had been backed up by the Government, who had supplied the apparatus without cost, and he would propose that further efforts be made to obtain more members, and continue the Society.

He proposed, and Mr. Emanuel seconded that the report be adopted; which proposition was carried.

The Chairman then said that the next thing to be done was the election of officers. He hoped that the officers who had spoken of resigning would re-consider their decision, and he would propose that they be re-elected.

Mr. Mallory said he should like to know how the Society was to be carried on. With the few members they had at present it was impossible to work the apparatus efficiently, and he thought the best thing to do would be to hand it over to the Government, and most of the present members would no doubt join as volunteers.

Mr. Wilson said for his part he would have to resign office, and in fact resign all connection with the society as his business would not allow him time to be long to the society, and he certainly thought that the best thing to do would be to give the apparatus up to the Government.

Mr. Arthur said he did not think sufficient efforts had been made to obtain members; he thought more members could be obtained, and that it would not be right to saddle the Government with the apparatus at the present crisis. It would be creditable to them as a Society to give it up.

Mr. Emanuel concurred with Mr. Arthur, and some discussion then ensued regarding the possibility of obtaining men from the Regiment. Finally,

Mr. Mallory was elected General Superintendent; Mr. Emanuel, Foreman of the Central District; Mr. Barff, Secretary; and Dr. Adams, Surgeon. It was further decided to constitute 7 a quorum, instead of 10, as hitherto, and Rule 7 was suspended for the current year, so that there will be no subscription required for that time, the Society having enough funds to carry them through two years longer.

The meeting then separated with a vote of thanks to Mr. Wilson and the Chairman.

(L. and C. Express, April 6th.)

The *Curlew*, 3, double screw gun vessel, Commander W. Mc F. Castle, has been ordered to return to Devonport from the China Station. This vessel has served two commissions abroad, having been sent to Hong Kong in December, 1874, in consideration of the continuous services of the Rev. Hayward Kidd, Colonial Chaplain at Hong Kong, the Colonial Office has granted an extension of four months' leave. He will return to his post next September.

Callao.—Arrived, Feb. 14, *Christina A. P.*, from Hong Kong.

A German ironclad squadron will proceed early in May to the Far East.

Out of sixty-three candidates for the six vacancies of student interpreters for China and Japan we have heard of Mr. Tratman and Mr. Hanser having passed, also Mr. Cooper as cadet for the Straits.

Mr. John Robertson, formerly manager of the Oriental Bank at Yokohama, has been appointed manager at Shanghai, and leaves by the next P. and O. mail.

Special attention has of late been paid by the German Imperial Government to the condition of affairs in China. It appears by the latest reports that the Government of the Celestial Empire is doing its best to emancipate China from all European influence, as well as from the obligations originating from its treaties with the European Powers. The opinion prevails that the European Powers will have to act very energetically or they will run the risk of altogether losing the scanty influence possessed by them in China, and acquired with so great trouble and so many sacrifices. Mr. Von Brandt, our Minister at Peking, has received decided instructions to be on the alert and to act as he properly; and it is not unlikely that the German squadron, which was recently sent to the Coast of Nicaragua, instead of returning to Europe from there, will make its way to China.

Mr. Andrew Grant, the new member for Leith, who took part in the debate on Indian Finance, has been connected with mercantile life in China and India. He was at Hong Kong and Canton during the troublous times of 1868.

Tea is beginning to take a place almost side by side with coffee in the "Tale of Spices" and samples of Ceylon-grown leaf have been received and favourably reported on in London. At the end of last year a "sample" of 100 lb. was exported from Colombo, and the expectation is cherished in the island that this may be the forerunner of a large trade in the article. The cultivation of the plant is being encouraged by the offer of prizes at the Colonial Agricultural and Horticultural Exhibitions, and experienced planters from Assam have given a very favourable opinion of the capabilities of soil and climate of parts of Ceylon for the production of a high-class tea.

Hamburg, April 3rd.—Although both arrivals and departures have been numerous during the week, still trade on the river cannot be called satisfactory, as the greatest part of the movements have consisted of European, especially English, vessels. Of arrivals from East India and China there are none to be named, but of departures there is one, *Manila*, for Hong Kong (went to sea March 29). The weather of late has been cold and stormy; the temperature in general being several degrees below the average; this, however, is regarded as beneficial to the growing crops, as well as for the orchards, as the rough weather keeps leaves and flowers behind until the heavy night frosts are no longer to be feared. The farmers expect a late but an abundant harvest.

We understand that Mr. William Harwood, formerly of Shanghai, and now of the firm of Messrs. Harwood and Stephenson, Solicitors, of London, has been retained in the matter of the Borneo enterprise, projected by Baron Overbeck, and leaves by this mail to carry through the necessary legal arrangements.

Dr. Edward Muller, who has been appointed by the Colonial Office as Archaeological Surveyor of Ceylon, proceeds by the next P. and O. mail. Mr. Barrion, Naval Surgeon, is about to undertake an exploring journey in Cochin China, Cambodia, &c.

The *Soo-kyo* Japanese steamer, in passing through the *Suez Canal*, lost one of the blades of her propeller, and badly damaged the engine.

Police Intelligence.

(Both Magistrates Sitting.)

May 13, 1878.

Ralph Barnes, mariner H.M.S. *Nassau*, was fined \$1 for the above offence. He was found running after people in the street, and assaulting them.

John Wilson, carpenter S.S. *Bertha*, was ordered to pay 20 cents chair-hire. He was found drunk in the chair.

John Barratt, fireman, S.S. *State of Alabama*, was fined 10 cents.

LARCENY.

Ching Anan, a fireman, was sent to 8 weeks' hard labour for stealing a jacket and a pair of trousers.

Wong Awan, a coolie, was sent to six weeks' hard labour for stealing a jacket.

Li Apui, a rice-pounder, was sent to 10 weeks' hard labour for stealing a pair of scales.

LARCENY BY THE CHIEF OFFICER OF THE AMERICAN BARQUE "CEYLAH."

Howard Benton Stephenson, Chief Officer of the American barque *Ceylah*, was charged on remand with stealing mundry articles of clothing and jewellery the property of Captain Pittman of S.S. *Douglas* from his room at the Hongkong Hotel. Mr. Wotton, who appeared on behalf of the defendant, said that he admitted that during the time he was on shore he frequented the Hongkong Hotel; he unfortunately habitually drank to excess, and whilst in that state did not know what he did. He recollected that he formed an acquaintance with a man who might know more about the matter, but the man in question, although searched for, could not be found. The defendant pleaded that he was a man with a family at home dependent upon him for support, and he was in a respectable position in life. All he could now do was to ask the mercy of the Court, and that he was humbly and gratefully at the disposal of the Court, and that he may be sentenced him to one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

GAMBLING.

Up Am, a coolie, was fined 31 days' hard labour for gambling. He had been several times previously convicted of a similar offence.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, May 13, 1878.

SIR.—"Milkco," who usually used preserved milk, writes indignantly about his bottle he sent for.

In justice to the milk supply of Hongkong, of which I have had two years' experience and sometimes use as much as five gallons a day, the supply to me as subject to the usual tests is much better than any preserved preparation and superior to that found in many towns in England. I fancy he didn't go to the right place, where they are accustomed to the influence of a "LACTOMETER."

Governor Hennessy, C.M.G., &c., &c., &c.

THE HONGKONG VOLUNTEER RIFLE CORPS.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

The following is the official statement in regard to the proposed formation of a Rifle Corps, to which we referred in our issue of Saturday:—

The object in view in the formation of an Infantry Corps in addition to the Volunteer Artillery Corps is to impart to such of the inhabitants of Hongkong as may desire to offer their services for this branch of military duty, and as His Excellency the Governor may approve, the necessary training to enable them to assist in the defence of the Colony in guard and out-post duty.

Volunteers for the Hongkong Rifle Corps, upon being admitted, shall subscribe their names upon the roll of the said Corps; and, on being duly notified by the Commanding Officer, shall take the oath prescribed in Section VIII of Ordinance 2 of 1862.

Members will be drilled as laid down in the "Field Exercise" and "Rifle Exercises and Musketry Instruction," and they will be expected to attend one parade a day at least, until squad and company drill, as well as manual and firing exercises are mastered.

The description of drill either with or without arms will be regulated according to the proficiency attained, but all must pass through the first squad before proceeding to battalion drill.

Members may elect either morning or evening drill, but whenever practicable they are recommended to attend both.

All squad drills will take place on the green formerly the Parade Ground of the old Volunteer Corps, situated opposite the Government Offices. When the Corps has attained a certain degree of proficiency, it will parade in the general Parade Ground for company and battalion drill.

Drill instructors will be provided from the regular forces, but the non-commissioned officers of the Corps will be expected to master the details of drill so as to assist the regular instructors.

When the Corps is sufficiently advanced, due arrangements will be made for target practice.

The uniform of the Corps will be supplied by the Colonial Government, and will consist, during the summer months, of a white smock and white trousers and white shirt with white belt and white waist belt for ammunition pouch.

The smock will have shoulder straps with H. K. R. (Hongkong Rifle) worked on in blue. During the winter months the uniform will consist of a scarlet serge smock and blue trousers, blue flaps and white belt and white shirt. The Corps will be armed with Snider rifles and bayonets.

The Commanding Officer will be appointed by the Governor, and His Excellency will, as far as possible, select the officers from a list of names chosen by the volunteers themselves by election.

If practicable a band will be formed later on, and each company will have a bugler.

The Rifle Corps is formed into companies, each company to be lettered A, B, C, D, &c., according to the number of volunteers, and to have a certain number of officers and non-commissioned officers.

When the Corps is formed, "Standing Orders" will be published from time to time to establish a uniformity of system which can only be obtained by attention to the several details by each individual in his respective position. The result will be felt in the conduct and general efficiency of the Corps, arrangements which will more than

compensate for any little trouble attached to the performance of their duties.

In the event of war, the Corps will be placed under the orders of the Officer Commanding the Forces, to assist the regular troops in guarding the fortifications, and in all such details of infantry service as emergency may necessitate.

CHINESE EMIGRATION.

The following copies or extracts of Despatches are published in the Government Gazette of Saturday:—

Government House, Hongkong, 9th April, 1877.

My Lord, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, No. 12, of the 5th January, 1877, in which you transmit for consideration a copy of a letter with enclosures from the Foreign Office respecting a scheme for the importation into Peru of Chinese Coolies.

I lost no time in forwarding the papers for the consideration of the Minister of Agriculture, and I have now the honour to enclose a copy of his Report. His views, as expressed in this Report, I fully endorse, and I trust that Emigration such as that now proposed will not be sanctioned from Hongkong. Individually I am opposed to any Emigration from China which the British Government cannot control through all stages from collection and shipment to employment and return.

I have noted your Lordship's instructions to keep you fully informed of any steps that may be taken in the matter.—I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. GARDINER AUSTIN, Administrator.

The Right Hon. The Earl of Carnarvon, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State, &c., &c.

Downing Street, 5th July, 1877.

Sir,—With reference to Mr. Austin's Despatch No. 69 of the 9th April, I have the honour to transmit to you accompanying copy of a letter relative to the projected arrangement between the Peruvian Government and the Firm of Olyphant & Co. for the importation of Chinese Coolies to Peru.

On a former occasion your predecessor was instructed not to permit contract emigration from Hongkong except to British Territories, and he was at the same time informed that Her Majesty's Government reserved to itself the right of prohibiting or allowing emigration from that Colony to Foreign Countries where there was reason to believe that Chinese Immigrants had not been well treated.

I request, therefore, that you will watch very carefully any attempt to make Hongkong a base of operations under the projected contract, if it reaches maturity, as well as any application for a licence for any vessel which may be laid on for the purpose of carrying out such contract.

It is clear to me that the course which the Peruvian Government propose to adopt is one open, if indeed it is not absolutely certain to lead, to the gravest abuses, and that with past experience it is desirable to discourage and suppress any attempt to their part to revive the Coolie Traffic, which it is clearly their object to set again on foot.—I have, &c.,

(Signed) GARNER, Governor Hennessy, C.M.G., &c., &c., &c.

Government House, Hongkong, 18th Sept., 1878.

My Lord,—Soon after I had the honour of receiving your Lordship's Despatch No. 81, of the 5th of July, an enquiry was made as to whether the Government would consent to the Emigration from Hongkong of Chinese Labourers to the South American Republics and especially Peru.

I caused a reply to be written to the effect that I was not disposed to encourage the Emigration of Chinese to Peru.—I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. POPE HENNESSY, The Right Hon. The Earl of Carnarvon, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, &c., &c., &c.

Downing Street, 12th Nov., 1877.

Sir,—With reference to your Despatch No. 111 of the 13th of September, I have to refer you to the 6th, 7th and 8th paragraphs of my Despatch No. 109 of the 4th of December, 1875, in which I laid down the general principles to be followed by the Government of Hongkong as regards Chinese Emigration.

I approve of your refusal to sanction Emigration to Peru.—I have, &c.,

(Signed) GARNER, Governor Hennessy, C.M.G., &c., &c., &c.

Downing Street, 24th Dec., 1877.

Sir,—On the 12th instant, I received from you the following message:—"Twelfth, Mr. Geary, Emigration Agent and Consul for Peru, applies for licence to ship Chinese, shall I grant it?" And on the 14th inst., I returned the following reply:—"Fourteenth December, grant no licence for any Emigration to Peru, see my Despatch of 5th July."

I continue to be strongly of opinion that the Government of Hongkong should in no way facilitate an emigration which is liable to the very grave objections noticed in the correspondence of which my Despatch above referred to forms part.—I have, &c.,

(Signed) GARNER, Governor Hennessy, C.M.G., &c., &c., &c.

EMIGRATION TO AUSTRALIA.

The following is published in Saturday's Government Gazette:—

Office of the Minister controlling the Northern Territory, Adelaide, B. A., 14th March, 1878.

Sir,—I am not sure whether I am right in addressing you on the subject following, but if otherwise, I may trouble you to pass this letter to the proper Officer in your Province. I was given to understand that there was an Officer entitled "The British Emigration Agent" Hongkong, but I do not find such an Official in Colonial Office Directory, I therefore trouble you with this present letter.

I sent March 11th the following telegram to you:—"Have been informed that it is understood in Hongkong that Chinese can earn thirteen shillings a day in the Port Darwin Country. This is quite wrong; there is not at present employment for a great number of Chinese there."

The Government of South Australia is very far from wishing to take an illiberal or narrow-minded course with respect to immigration to the Northern Territory of Australia; it is in fact most anxious that the wealth of what will ultimately be a most rich and valuable Country should be developed by any possessing capital and energy.

I wish to point out however that if large numbers of Chinese should proceed to this place with the sole hope of realising enormous profits from the goldfields, it is

not unlikely that they will meet with disappointment, whereby possibly destitution, and distress may ensue.

I send you a copy of our last Report from the Goldfields' Warden, also a copy of a Despatch sent to Java, Mauritius, &c., as showing the great desire of our Government that the agricultural capabilities of the Territory should be utilised by those possessing the necessary ability and capital, also advertisement of premium offered for first 500 tons of Sugar.

The population of the Territory may now be estimated at 750 English and 634 Chinese.

Another matter which is not undeserving publicity among the Chinese who think of emigrating to these parts, is that the natives are still in a savage state, and some of the tribes treacherous and subtle. A sad instance of an unprovoked murder by aborigines occurred recently, and there have been several mysterious disappearances which are thought to have been occasioned by like outrages. The Police Force is of course in so small a community numerically weak, though all that is possible is done to maintain safety of life and property.

My object in addressing you now is simply to ask you to take some steps to disseminate the information herein contained and especially to give an authoritative contradiction to the impression (should it exist) that there is room for any quantity of Chinese Emigrants at the Goldfields, or that there are means of their earning large wages (as alluded to in the telegram) in the service of employers.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,

NEVILLE BATH, Minister of Education, Controlling the N. Territory.

H. G. THOMSON, Esq., M.A., Harbour Master, &c., Hongkong.

CHINA.

COREA.

Our correspondent, "Philo-Coreanus," writing from Newchwang, under date 29th of April, sends the following startling intelligence:—"I have just received the news from a most reliable source (direct from Korea) that Monsiegnr. Ridel, who with two others escaped from the mission there in 1865-66, has been made a prisoner in the capital, 'Seoul,' where he had been residing incognito for some months. On 28th January, his house was surrounded, and everyone, including the Bishop, taken to the city prison. Fortunately the Queen (Min), of whose strong character I have given some hints in my previous communications, is not in favour of persecution, instigated principally by the ex-Regent (the broken-backed tiger), and up to my latest date, 26th March, Monsiegnr. Ridel was still alive and free from excessive torture."

"The Government of Korea fear a war with Japan, and would not meanwhile unnecessarily exasperate the foreigner, as all outsiders are called; but if something is not done immediately, very valuable lives, which might be saved, will be sacrificed for there are four or five French Fathers in the country. A gunboat or two could surely be spared at once, to demand the rendition of the prisoner or prisoners. It does not seem necessary to say more; but—and I am neither a Roman Catholic nor a Frenchman—if it be a matter of expense for coals, &c., I am willing to subscribe five hundred dollars."—N. O. D. News.

The Straits.

(Straits Times.)

The two China mops *Tunkle* and *Martingale*, were sold in Singapore, at auction, by Messrs. Powell & Co., the first for \$100 and the second for \$110.

The Volunteer movement continues to be vigorously supported, drill being assiduously attended almost every evening in the Townhall, and there is every prospect of a serviceable, if small, corps being soon ready to meet any emergency.

ARRIVAL OF THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M. M. Company's steamer *Sindh*, Captain Lormier, with the London mail of the 5th April, arrived here yesterday forenoon.

(Straits Times Extra.)

Constantinople, April 19.—The Porte has sent a note to the Grand Duke Nicholas in answer to his request for the speedy evacuation of Shumla and Varna by Turkish troops. The Porte promises to give up Varna, Shumla and Batoum in proportion as Russian troops evacuate non-Bulgarian territory.

Bucharest, April 19.—The Roumanian papers are continually moving northwards and are concentrating at positions strategically important.

Paris, April 19.—The *Journal des Debats* bitterly condemns the Foreign policy of the German Government and discredits the sincerity of its mediation.

London, April 20.—The modification of the Turkish Ministry being adverse to English influence at Constantinople, the aspect of to-day is considered less favourable to a pacific solution.

London, April 21.—The Continental papers state that England and Russia have adhered to the proposal of Germany for the simultaneous withdrawal of the British Ironclad squadron and the Russian Army from Constantinople in order to facilitate the meeting of an European Congress. The Russian press is silent concerning the despatch of troops from India.

London, April 22.—The situation is not improved. Austria continues to vacillate, and the essential difference between England and Russia still remains. The London papers consider that Germany's proposal for a simultaneous withdrawal of the British squadron and the Russian army from Constantinople would benefit Russia most. The Commissary-General is buying up large quantities of wheat for Malta. At a large meeting of the Manchester Cotton Operatives' Society, it was unanimously resolved to recommend those on strike to accept 10 per cent. reduction provisionally.

St. Petersburg, April 22.—It is semi-officially stated that negotiations are proceeding for fixing points whether the British squadron and the Russian army before Constantinople shall withdraw, and that when fixed a preliminary Conference will be held to settle the Conference programme.

London, April 23.—It is stated at Constantinople that the Bulgarians have attacked eight Mussulman villages and committed outrages. The Macedonian population, however, resisted. Several fighting

has taken place between the insurgents and the Russian troops, who have asked for reinforcements from San Stefano.

Constantinople, April 23.—The insurgents of Bulgaria consist of the garrison of Nish united to remnants of Turkish troops from the Balkans.

A mixed Russo-Turkish Commission has been sent to pacify the insurgents.

London, April 24.—Prince Bismarck's basis of a European Congress is that the Powers be invited to revise the treaty of Paris of 1856, while considering the situation resulting from the war. The British Government regards the invitation as too indefinite. The Mussulman insurrection in Roumelia is of a serious nature and engages through the whole country to the South-east of Philippopolis, and is due to the unendurable Russo-Bulgarian regiment. Reinforcements of Russian troops are being despatched to quell the Mussulman insurrection in Macedonia.

Berlin, April 24.—Prince Bismarck is unwell, suffering from erysipelas. Negotiations for the simultaneous withdrawal of Russian troops and the British fleet from the vicinity of Constantinople continue. Details are difficult to be settled in consequence of the different mobility of soldiers and ships.

St. Petersburg, April 24.—Prince Gortschakoff is suffering from a severe cold, and feverish symptoms have appeared. A national subscription throughout Russia has been started for the purpose of forming a fleet of cruisers.

London, April 24.—Consols 94½.

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RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, April 25, 1878. my23

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Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 3rd June. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.
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NOTICE OF REMOVAL.
The above has the pleasure to inform his numerous Customers and the Public of Hongkong, that his Photographic Establishment is removed to the Newly-erected Obnoxious Building in Queen's Road Central, next to Messrs SANDER & Co.'s. Hongkong, April 29, 1878.

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Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
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GILMAN & Co.
Hongkong and Foochow, May 1, 1878. jel

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr **EDWARD CUNNINGHAM** in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last.
RUSSELL & Co.
China, March 8, 1878. s08

NOTICE.
THE Interest of the late **JOHN GURNEY FRY** in our Firm CEASED on the 30th ultimo.
SILVERLOCK & Co.
Foochow, May 1, 1878. my22

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of the Underigned in the Chinese Mail, **華字日報 (Wah Tze Yat Po)**, CEASED from the 1st August, 1877, but Debts prior to that Date will be received and paid by him.
CHUN AYIN.
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICE.
IN Reference to the above, the Underigned has LEASED the Chinese Mail from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of Mr **LEONG YOK CHU**, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under its new name will be found to be as hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.
KONG CHIM.
Lessee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail.
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

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Hongkong, October 1, 1877. col

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Section 8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers							
Afghan	Hunt	Brit.	1439	May 3	T. G. Linstead	Hankow	Arrived 2nd
Albany	F. Ashton	Brit.	366	May 13	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Tamau, &c.	16th noon
Altona	Miller	Ger.	1179	May 9	Wm. Pustau & Co.	Saloon	
Alvorton	Darnell	Brit.	1086	May 9	Meyer & Co.	Saloon	
Antenor	Jones	Brit.	1644	May 10	Butterfield & Swire	Shanghai	To-day For Sale
Argentine	Barnett	Brit.	916	April 22	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Argyll	Scott	Brit.	1271	May 2	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Barth	Potter	Brit.	1120	May 4	Gibb, Livingston & Co.		
Bertha	Langley	Brit.	1420	May 7	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.		
Bombay	Williams	Brit.	740	Feb. 12	Kwok Acheong		Laid up
Caldora	Williams	Brit.	1303	May 11	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		Laid up
Cannes	Williams	Brit.	96	Oct.	Kwok Acheong		Laid up
Cairnsmuir	Spovart	Brit.	1128	May 1	Butterfield & Swire		Arrived 1st
Cassandra	Langer	Ger.	937	May 9	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
Cephrones	Wood	Brit.	1286	May 8	Gibb, Livingston & Co.		
Fame	Stopani	Brit.	117	May 11	R. K. & W'poo Dock Co.		Tug Flying
Fatchoy	Holland	Brit.	153	May 11	G. MoBain		K'loon Dock
Fitzpatrick	Humphries	Brit.	597	April 18	Gee Ohong Hong		
Flintshire	Thomas	Brit.	1243	May 6	B. Kier & Co.		
Glamis Castle	Greig	Brit.	1588	April 21	Adamson, Bell & Co.		
Gunga	Brown	Brit.	977	April 25	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.	Australian Ports	16th, noon
Japan	De Smidt	Brit.	1865	May 3	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	S'pore, Calcutta, &c.	15th, 3 p.m.
Klenchow	Green	Brit.	str.		Kwok Acheong		
Killarney	O'Neill	Brit.	1080	April 29	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Foochow	To-morrow
Kwangtung	Punchard	Brit.	870	May 11	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Coast Ports	16th, noon
Madagascar	Timms	Ger.	984	May 7	Siemssen & Co.		
Maharajah	Clark	Brit.	994	May 9	Siemssen & Co.		
Meca	Morney	Brit.	678	Mar. 17	Landstein & Co.		
Ningpo	Cass	Brit.	761	May 12	Siemssen & Co.		
Oxfordshire	O. P. Jones	Brit.	1328	May 12	Landstein & Co.	Shanghai	Costan, Dock
Perambuco	Hyde	Brit.	643	May 11	Melchers & Co.		Rompon
Prins Friedrich Carl	Mohr	Ger.	1100	May 10	Butterfield & Swire	Bangkok	16th, daylight
Quana	Wang	Ger.	874	May 5	Sooy Shing	Nagasaki	15th, daylight
Sindh	Brunet	Foh.	1908	May 12	Messageries Maritimes	Shanghai	at daylight
State of Alabama	Ritchie	Brit.	1511	May 7	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Sunda	Reeves	Brit.	1040	May 2	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama	K'loon Dock
Tanai	Marcelle	Foh.	1738	May 7	Messageries Maritimes	Yokohama	To-day
Venice	Rhodes	Brit.	1271	May 4	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	S'pore, Calcutta, &c.	15th, 3 p.m.
Yotung	Goggin	Brit.	281	May 12	Kwok Acheong		
Sailing Vessels							
Aldobran	Cole	Brit.	393	May 6	Borneo Co., Limited		
Andreas	Bagen	Ger.	240	April 27	Siemssen & Co.		Wanchai Pier
Anna Bertha	Peterson	Ger.	468	May 4	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
Anna Sieben	Paulsen	Ger.	325	April 27	Edvard Schellhaas & Co.	Callao	
Aroela	Penery	Brit.	947	April 24	Butterfield & Swire		
Augusta Reimers	Thomson	Ger.	207	April 26	Captain		
Blanca Perlas	Rancredi	Ital.	666	Mar. 31	Thos. Howard & Co.	Manila	
Borneo	Shaw	Amer.	789	April 28	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Tientsin	
Brama	Timpe	Ger.	885	May 12	Wiesler & Co.		
Briabane	Eudleston	Brit.	394	April 28	Russell & Co.		
Carl Ritter	Kager	Ger.	696	May 8	Siemssen & Co.		
Ceylon	Kelly	Amer.	681	May 8	Olyphant & Co.		
Charlotte Andrews	Place	Brit.	855	April 22	Rozario & Co.	Quinhon	Cleared
Chocola	Kennett	Brit.	284	May 1	Gas Company		
Corona	Spence	Brit.	1199	Feb. 18	Meyer & Co.	Manila	
Cruiser	Graham	Amer.	898	Mar. 14	Captain		
Cuba	Gobell	Brit.	810	April 28	Meyer & Co.		For Sale
Davana	Mayer	Brit.	785	April 9	Meyer & Co.	London	Wanchai Pier
Echo	Rever	Brit.	369	April 27	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Eleanora	Barmby	Amer.	1181	Feb. 28	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	London	
Elise	Permen	Hawa.	312	Mar. 30	Wiesler & Co.	Honolulu	
Elizabeth Oude	Fin	Brit.	740	April 14	Meyer & Co.	Japan	
Elizabeth	Ohlsen	Ger.	447	April 23	Wiesler & Co.	Yokohama	Cleared
Enid	Smithwaite	Brit.	495	April 1	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Manila	
Florence Nightingale	Molntyre	Brit.	464	May 13	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Tientsin	
Formosa	Schweer	Ger.	282	May 3	Melchers & Co.		
Forward	Vandervord	Brit.	767	April 16	Rozario & Co.		Sands' Slip
Frank Marion	Eldridge	Amer.	678	April 7	Meyer & Co.		
Genevieve	Leprêtre	Foh.	639	May 3	Landstein & Co.		
Georgina	Romney	Brit.	815	May 3	Ohlness		
Glamorganshire	McEachern	Brit.	466	April 18	H. Kier & Co.		
Great Admiral	Thompson	Amer.	1676	Aug. 19	Russell & Co.		
Gustav	Johannsen	Ger.	240	April 26	Edvard Schellhaas & Co.	Tientsin	Wanchai Pier
H. O. Johnson	Colby	Amer.	1081	April 16	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Hail Columbia	Bretton	Am. Sm. sc.	363	May 4	Ohlness		
Holmes Columbia	Lakier	Brit.	453	May 13	Captain		
Hotspur	Shaw	Brit.	522	April 27	Captain		
Jessie McDonald	Stott	Brit. Sm. sc.	275	May 4	Ohlness		
Johann Smidt	Whason	Ger.	440	May 4	Melchers & Co.		
Mangerton	Thompson	Brit.	350	May 6	Wiesler & Co.		
Mannet	Egullier	Span. sch.	282	May 7	Chinese		
Maria Charlotte	Meibohm	Foh.	380	Mar. 23	Carlowitz & Co.	Callao & Valparaiso	
Monquito	Miles	Brit.	197	Feb. 5	Rozario & Co.	Melbourne & Sydney	
North Star	Thompson	Amer.	1374	Feb. 28	Russell & Co.	San Francisco	
P. J. Carleton	Amshury	Amer.	986	Feb. 28	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	San Francisco	
Papa	Bloss	Ger.	392	May 3	Siemssen & Co.		
Pelho	Christiansen	Ger.	251	April 28	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Newchwang	Cleared
Prosperity	Hansen	Brit.	476	May 10	Ohlness		
Regulus	Lange	Ger.	1116	May 1	P. & O. S. N. Co.		P. & O. Wh
Sacramento	Nelson	Amer.	1418	April 24	Butterfield & Swire		Costan Dock
Sarah Nicholson	Selkirk	Brit.	993	April 14	Butterfield & Swire		K'loon Dock
Slamene Crown	Sas	Slam.	589	May 2	Tack Mee		
Silva Fish	Williams	Amer.	702	May 12	Sooy Shing		
Sunata	Ologh	Amer.	1080	Sept.	Siemssen & Co.		
Ta Loo	Kaemmann	Ger.	342	April 30	Melchers & Co.		
Tartar	Kaemmann	Ger.	266	April 30	Russell & Co.		
Tedora	Hornum	Span.	600	May 30	Russell & Co.	Manila	
Thomas Fletcher	Pondleton	Amer.	645	April 8	K'lin Nam		
Ti De Ma Di	Tarek	Slam.	455	April 28	Ohlness	Bangkok	Cleared
Titan	Berry	Amer.	1270	Feb. 7	Russell & Co.	San Francisco	
Wega	Jachens	Ger.	1118	Mar. 1	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York	
Wm. Phillips	Healy	Am. Sm. sc.	681	May 2	Edvard Schellhaas & Co.		
Vesta	Dirks	Ger.	302	April 28	Melchers & Co.		
WHEAPOA							
Charles Morgan	Quatresous	Foh.	352	May 8	Landstein & Co.		
Hans	Moult	Ger.	312	May 6	Wiesler & Co.		
Heperia	Paulsen	Ger.	1188	May 10	Siemssen & Co.		
Perusia	McKirdy	Bel.	3800	May 6	Olyphant & Co.	Honolulu & Callao	
St. Anna	Radeneo	Foh.	287	May 8	Carlowitz & Co.		
CANTON							
China	Ackermann	Ger.	648	May 12	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	
West Stanley	Ashley	Brit.	993	May 13	Siemssen & Co.		